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Soviet Troops.

1. In August 1951, three Soviet tanks were seen in a barracks installation in Szekesfehervar (Q 48/Z 00) on the south side of the main road to Budapest. (1)
2. In April 1951, about 30 GMC trucks with cabs and 8 to 10 AT guns, probably of 76-mm caliber, were seen between the main building and the railroad line in Camp Hajmasker. The chief of staff of the rifle division in Veszprem (P 48/D 78) said that a Soviet artillery unit commanded by a colonel was stationed in Camp Hajmasker. In the spring of 1951, a Soviet colonel from Camp Hajmasker participated in an officers meeting in Jutas (P 48/D 68). (2)

Hungarian Troops.

3. In March 1951, [REDACTED] (Q 48/Z 27) he learned [REDACTED] in Eger (R 48/S 55), that the tank regiment was subordinate to a tank division headquarters which had been activated in Gyongyos in the fall of 1950. The tank regiment was quartered in a new barracks installation in Eger. A regiment in Aszod (Q 48/H 83), whose branch of service could not be determined and which was quartered in a barracks installation 500 meters east of the railroad station, was also assigned to the division. Other units of the division were stationed in Hatvan (Q 48/S 03). (3)
4. In August 1951, a staff lance corporal stated that he had been transferred from Kaposvar (Y 4/A 95) to the headquarters signal company of a rifle regiment in Nyiregyhaza (R 48/K 55) and that this regiment was subordinate to the division headquarters which had been activated in Nyiregyhaza in the fall of 1950.

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5. In early 1950, [redacted] a master sergeant, who had been transferred as maintenance technical sergeant from the tank battalion in Polgárdi (P 48/E 08) to the headquarters of the rifle division in Veszprém, that the tank battalion was quartered in a barracks installation with an artillery brigade headquarters. In May 1951, [redacted] female cook at the mess in the barracks installation in Polgárdi, that she had already been employed with the brigade headquarters in Eger and, with this headquarters, had moved to Polgárdi. He also learned from a driver that the artillery brigade headquarters was directly subordinate to the army and received mail by courier from Budapest. An officer of the army headquarters with a master sergeant as his driver once came for inspection to the artillery brigade headquarters. [redacted] the barracks installation quartered an artillery unit which had been in summer camp since April 1951. (4)

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8. [redacted] in Zirc (P 48/Y 60) in the spring of 1951, [redacted] soldiers wearing green service color that guard battalion was transferred from Budapest to the Zirc Abbey which also housed a retraining course for artillery reserve NCOs.

9. In the spring of 1951, [redacted] the new barracks installation west of Tapolca (Y 48/D 45). From conversations with soldiers, with blue service color, he concluded that the tank battalion quartered in the barracks installation had moved for a firing practice. He saw no armored vehicles in the installation. He learned from soldiers of the tank battalion that the installation also quartered a rifle regiment. (6)

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[redacted] the technical officers school in Szentendre (Q 48/H 55) and was to be promoted to junior lieutenant upon graduation from this school. He wore yellow-bordered, dark-green epaulets and had the engineer device on his collar.

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11. Source learned from an acquaintance, who, in 1951, studied in Veszprém, that a special military chair was established in the academy for chemical industry in Veszprém in 1950.

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The students received military training in addition to their studies and were to be inducted into a training camp in the summer.

12. In January 1951, some soldiers of the rifle division in Veszprém were detached to a six-month course for maintenance technical sergeants in the former Motor Transport Barracks on Zach Street in Budapest. In the spring of 1951, source learned from a clerk of the rifle division in Veszprém that the war college was located in the Pálffy Barracks on Hungaria Street in Budapest. Lieutenant Colonel Páncsél (fnu), the commanding officer of the rifle division, had also attended the war college. The Gábor Áron Barracks on Hungaria Street in Budapest also housed an officers' school. [redacted] at the Petöfi Barracks on Budacseri Street in Budapest in the spring of 1951, source learned that this installation housed a signal officers' school. Prior to September 1951, the Central Military Motor Vehicle Depot in Budapest-Mátyásföld [redacted] it supplied the small and medium military repair shop with spare parts. (7)

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13. In the fall of 1950, [redacted] soldiers of the rifle regiment [redacted] in Kaposvár (Y 4/A 95) were transferred to the headquarters of the rifle division in Veszprém. At the same time, about the same number of soldiers were transferred from the regiment to Nyiregyháza and an unknown number to Tapolca. (8) The rifle regiment was quartered in three barracks installations in Kaposvár from May to October 1950. The headquarters and the 1st and 2d Bns were stationed in the Zrínyi Barracks, the 3d Bn in the Gábor Áron Barracks and the headquarters units in the Zalka Máté Barracks. The Zrínyi Barracks and the Gábor Áron Barracks were located east of the railroad station in the southeastern sector of town; the Zalka Máté Barracks was located south of a church in the northern sector. [redacted] The regiment was organized into the headquarters with a reconnaissance company, a signal company, a 120-mm mortar company, a 76-mm AT gun company, an AA heavy machine gun company and a horse-drawn 76-mm battery and three rifle battalions. The headquarters signal company consisted of 1 telephone platoon of 3 squads each of 9 men equipped with model M-38 field telephones and 3 two-horse vehicles; 1 switchboard platoon of 2 squads each of 9 men with switchboards and 2 two-horse vehicles; and 1 radio platoon of 3 squads each of 8 men each with 1 model R-7 radio set on a two-horse vehicle. Commanding officer of the regiment, prior to October 1950, was Lieutenant Colonel Sándor Ujvári, about 50 years old. The personnel of the rifle companies wore green service color and those of the horse-drawn battery red.

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Comments.

- (1) The installation is located on the south side of Voercsahadsereg Street, formerly Budaí Street. [redacted]
- (2) It is possible that Camp Hajmáskér is occupied by an artillery unit of the Soviet 17th Gds Mecz Div. According to previous

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reports, a Hungarian artillery school was located there.

- 25X1 (3) [redacted]
It has been known that a new barracks installation in the northeast side of the road from Eger to Egerbakta is occupied by tank troopers. Various reports have stated that motorized infantry and tank units are stationed in Aszod. It remains to be determined to which division headquarters these units are subordinate. [redacted]

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25X1 [redacted]. It is probable, however, that the units in the Eger-Batvan-Aszod area are assigned to the division in Gyongyos.

- (4) A new barracks installation on the northern edge of Polgardi was to be occupied by tank troopers and artillery men.

25X1 [redacted]. It is possible that the artillery units were transferred from Eger to Polgardi.

- 25X1 (5) The report confirms previous information. AAA unit [redacted] and a light AAA regiment [redacted] are carried in Komarom.

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In addition to other units, engineer and artillery units are stationed in Komarom. [redacted]

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- 25X1 (6) In addition to unidentified tank and other units, an infantry regiment [redacted] is stationed in Tapolca. [redacted] 25X1

- 25X1 (7) The report confirms the installations in Budapest and the [redacted]

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